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CITY-OWNED UTILITIES DECREASE TAXES WE EARNESTLY trust that the transit lease which the Mayor is about to submit to Council is not based on the idea that the new high-speed system is a community liability...

THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE MISSION THE Imperial Japanese mission to the United States arrived yesterday at a Pacific port. Not only ordinary courtesy, but mere common sense as well, requires that the mission be received with official and unofficial honors similar to those accorded other foreign missions which have recently visited this country...

BILLIONS MORE NEEDED THE belief of Secretary McAdoo that legislative provision should be made now for \$6,000,000,000 in addition to the Liberty Loan already authorized appears to be justified. We are loaning billions to our Allies, who are pouring the money back into the avenues of trade by purchases which are positively staggering in magnitude...

ALSACE ALWAYS FRENCH AT HEART Republic is Determined It Shall Ever Be Under the Tricolor By HENRI BAZIN Special Correspondence of the Evening Ledger in France. [The following article is the conclusion of Mr. Bazin's series, which began in Saturday's Evening Ledger.] PARIS, July 17. LATER in the day I was escorted to another town a dozen kilometers away, traveling again over lovely mountain roads. Here I was welcomed by the Mayor and town officials as well as officers of the garrison, visiting, among other points of interest, the beautiful fifteenth century cathedral of which it is said: "Strasbourg Cathedral est le plus gros (the highest), Metz Cathedral la plus grosse (the largest) but — Cathedral le plus beau (the most beautiful)."

Tom Daly's Column McAroni Ballads THE LOVE SONG You often hear me speak of Joe, Da barber—Joe Baracca? An' Giacomo Soldati? He has fruita merchant like me. Wal, dey are love da sama signorina. Dees fallon from da barber shop He use' for seem' weeth Granda Op', An' Giacomo, he ces so slow He was no good at all w'en Joe Would seem' to her an' playda mandolina.

THE MIGHTY MAGICIAN Eppa Rixey, Duke of Dixie. Took a little pinch of sand, Bent his knee, And made a tee, Formed and shaped it with his hand, Took a simple Baby Dimple, Perched it firmly for the drive; Marked direction, Then, by section, Straightened up his six-foot-five. He's not airy, Yet his deliver is a wand Working strange And sudden change In that golf ball on the sand, Swift it lifts And skynard drifts Like a bubble in the blue, Like a bird By levior stirred When the crier hawks pursue, High and higher Soars the flier To the apex of its arc, Then, descending Earthward, trending Upward to its mark, Suffers still Another thrill And a subtle change of habit; Strikes the ground And at a bound Is at once a started rabbit. On it hops And never stops, Loping down a grassy hollow, Over dale And meads and vale, We, who watched it, rise and follow; Rise and pass Through close-cut grass Which the breezes barely stir, Where it lies, To our surprise Changed again—a Baby Dimple!

PLUME POACHING ON THE PACIFIC Occasional Massacres of Birds in Spite of Uncle Sam's Vigilance FEAR out in the Pacific Ocean—a day's steaming from Honolulu, Hawaii—Uncle Sam owns several islands the sole inhabitants being birds. There are millions of the feathery creatures to be seen. Among them are the shearwater, red-footed and blue-footed boobies, frigates, boatswain, albatross, terns, fish, noddy and petrels. Uncle Sam exercises the same solicitude in caring for the birds on these reservations as he does in preventing the destruction of seals in the rookeries of the Bering Sea. Yet, despite his vigilance, poachers ply their trade and make occasional raids on the birds.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What is a "quid nunc"? 2. Where is Senegal, from which country France gets many of her colonial troops? 3. What is the "I. C. C."? 4. Who is the present ruler of Siam? 5. What is the name of the Swedish movement which preceded Penn's colony on the banks of the Delaware? 6. Who is the reform candidate for Mayor of New York? 7. What is the present year in the Jewish calendar? 8. Who wrote the novel "Elsie Venner"? 9. What high office in the American Government was held by the statesman Elbridge Gerry in 1813-14? 10. What was the French military term "air sifflet"?

ALSACE NEVER GERMAN As night fell we took train for Paris, carrying a mingling of memories of Alsace the beautiful, Alsace the loyal; Alsace, where, despite here and there one heard the Alsatian patois, the word was French as they were returning for the day to their land and all, too, of Lorraine would again be forever remain under the protecting, liberty-loving flag of France.

WHAT IS TREASON? I HAVE men who wear the toga the right to be traitors? That is the definition of treason and since our forefathers wrote...

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NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW A day's delay! Can you conceive what it means in this war in lives lost, in bodies maimed, in property destroyed, in sorrow and anguish? If you can you will let Congress know that it is time to stop quibbling and talking and get on with the numerous war measures that must be made into law to facilitate America's conduct of the war.—Akron Evening Times.

Twisted Table Talk MOTHER started it at Sunday tea. She asked if I preferred "pewed steaches or jawberry stram" for dessert. So the baby quite naturally asked her nearest brother to "pess plus the chappy essence." Then some one mentioned "gled bonbons" but...

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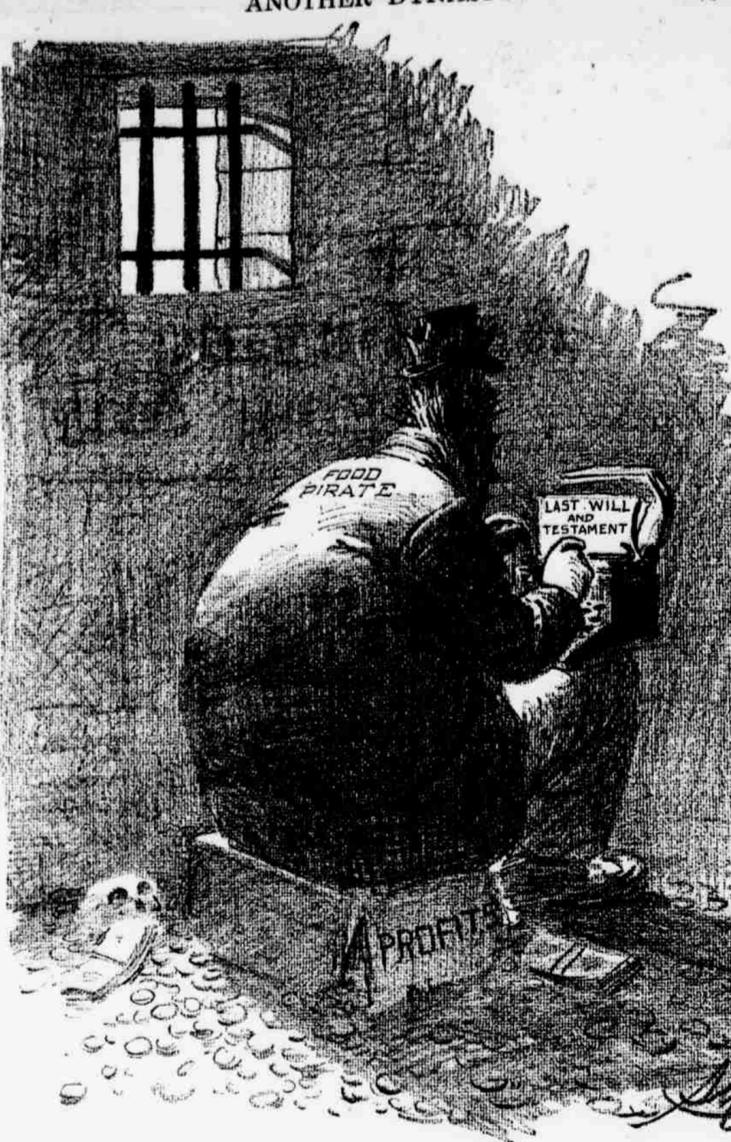
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